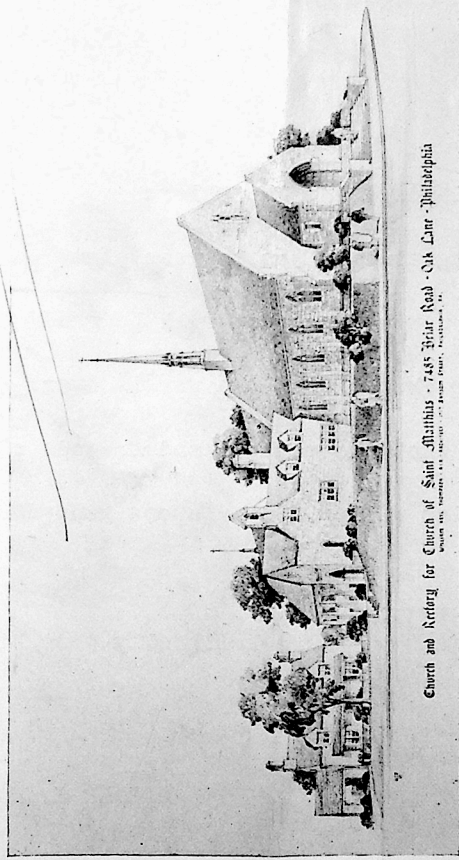


Church of St. Matthias



THE PROPOSED NEW CHURCH AND RECTORY

BUILDING FUND PROGRAM

THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

THE BISHOP'S ROOMS

CHURCH HOUSE

202 SOUTH NINETEENTH ST.

Philadelphia,

April, 1945

To the Friends of St. Matthias:

I congratulate you on your plans to raise the funds now so that you will be ready to build your church when the war is over. I am confident that the members and friends of St. Matthias will gladly respond generously.

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

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CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS

75TH AND BRIAR ROAD

PHILADELPHIA

APRIL, 1945

Dear Members and Friends:

Nothing pleases me more than to give leadership to this drive to raise funds for a new Church Building, and I look forward to the day when it shall become a reality.

We all realize a larger building is needed, and there is no doubt in my mind that everyone who is asked will give as he or she is able. On faith we built a Parish House . . . we furnished it and then purchased an organ. We also became a self-supporting Parish and on faith we will build as soon as the war is over.

Many men are reluctant to solicit money for the Church, feeling it is a form of begging. I have never hesitated in asking anyone for money to meet the needs of the Church. It is not begging to ask a man to share what God gave him, and it is not begging to appeal to the creative instinct in man by asking his help in the developing of a larger church program.

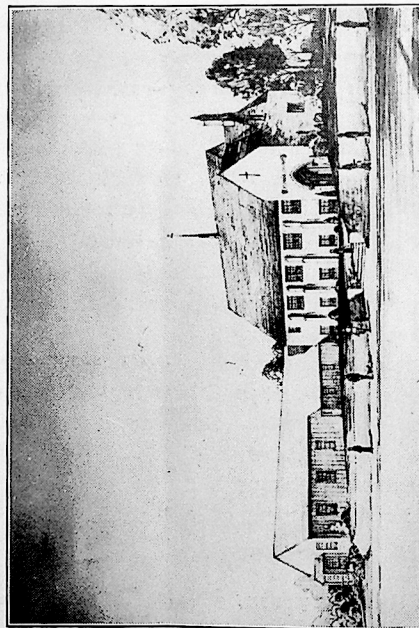
Faithfully yours,

Albert F. Fischer, Jr.

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THE PRESENT CHURCH



Church of St. Matthias

Dear Member and Friend:

At our Confirmation service, when twenty-nine new members were added to our Congregation, Bishop Oliver J. Hart praised our program of raising a fund for the day when we can erect a new Church to meet the present overcrowded conditions.

As you know, your Rector and Vestry are now planning to build a new and larger Church. An inspiring structure like the architects drawing on the front cover . . . a building large enough to enable our Rector and Church School Staff to give spiritual guidance to all in the Community who wish to worship with us.

Because of war restrictions we cannot build at this time, but unless we plan now, we would not be keeping faith with the people in this Community who worship with us—the families who send their children to our Church School where they can receive the spiritual training of the Episcopal Faith that means so much in their young and formative years.

At the present time, thanks to the most gracious generosity of certain members and friends of St. Matthias, a large sum of money has already been given to the Building Fund. We need only raise the smaller sum of \$25,000 during the next two years.

Actually the sum each family in our Church will be asked to give during 1945 and 1946 will amount to a few dollars a month. All will be asked to share in reaching our goal—and through the Grace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ each will be able to do his or her part.

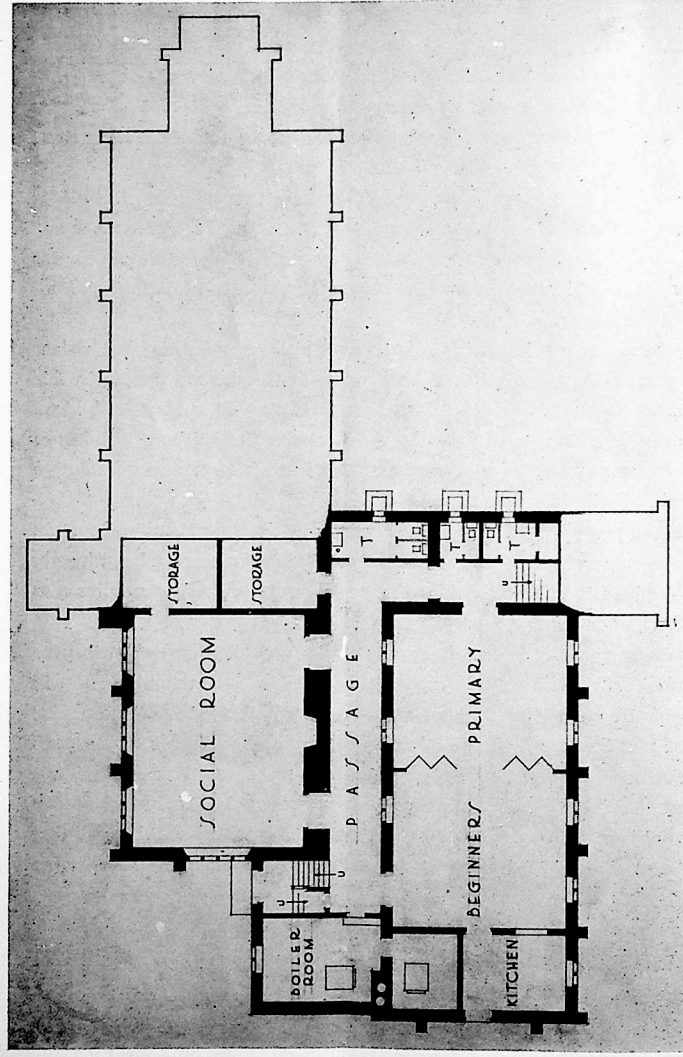
Yes, we must, we shall keep faith so that some day this new building of St. Matthias Church in West Oak Lane can be dedicated to the everlasting Memory of those on our Honor Roll who gave their all that we and others in this Country may continue to worship in the way we have been taught.

THE VESTRY

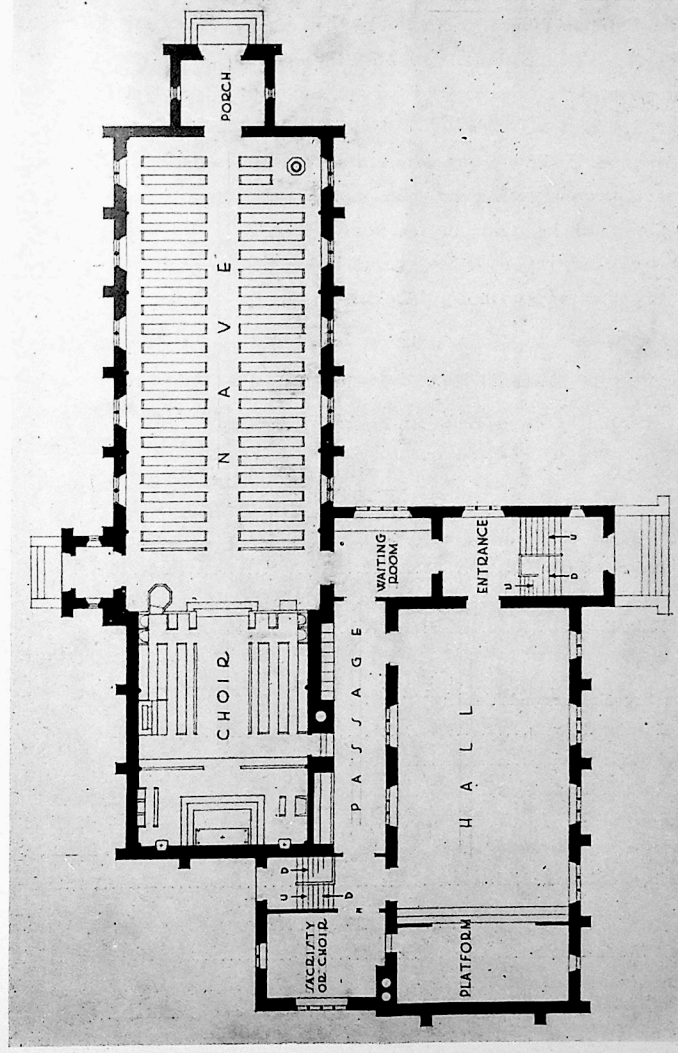
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GROUND PLAN OF PROPOSED NEW CHURCH



FLOOR PLAN OF PROPOSED NEW CHURCH

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund was created by the Charter of the Corporation in February, 1942. "A Fund shall be maintained for the accumulation of moneys to defray the costs of the erection and construction of — new Church Edifice —." Sec. 1. "All moneys heretofore or hereafter received from the sale of property of the Corporation and from contributions, donations, collections, subscriptions and appropriations for said fund — shall be paid into the Fund." Sec. 3. "Said fund shall be preserved and kept separate from all other moneys — shall not be used for any other purpose than as hereinafter set forth." Sec. 4.

BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1945

Treasurer, MR. BENJAMIN F. GOTWALS

Asst. Treasurer, MR. EDWARD McDOUGALL

RECEIPTS

Proceeds from sale of building at 19th & Wallace Sts. Money invested in:

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| Series G Bonds..... | \$10,000.00 |
| U. S. Treasury Bonds..... | 2,000.00 |
| Phila. S. and L..... | 2,800.00 |
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| | \$14,800.00 |

From Organizations and Friends:

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| 2 Series G Bonds..... | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 1 Series G Bond..... | 500.00 |
| Cash on Hand..... | 366.33 |
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| | 2,866.33 |

Building Fund Assets 1945.....\$17,606.33

ANTICIPATED INCOME

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Ida B. Warriner Estate..... | \$25,000.00 |
| Earned Income on Funds..... | 2,393.67 |
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| | 27,393.67 |

MONEY ON HAND AND IN SIGHT.....\$45,000.00

PLANS FOR BUILDING FUND DRIVE

BUILDING FUND

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|---|-------------|
| To be raised from Church Families..... | \$17,000.00 |
| To be raised from Church Organizations..... | 3,000.00 |
| To be raised from Outside Church | 5,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total..... | \$25,000.00 |

METHOD. The Every Member Canvass method will be used. The Parish has been divided into six territories with a Captain appointed for each territory. The Captains will choose teams for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions which are to run for two years. The date of the visiting will be announced in a letter from the Captains. Each Organization of the Church has been given a goal to be raised over a period of two years. We also hope that many friends who are not of the Church Family will want to make a contribution to this program.

VOLUNTARY is the theme of the drive. We have no intention of requesting anyone to give any more than he or she desires.

WE DO HAVE AN AIM and the aim is as follows:

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| 30 families in group "A" @ \$100.00 per year for 2 years |
| 30 families in group "B" @ 75.00 per year for 2 years |
| 50 families in group "C" @ 50.00 per year for 2 years |
| 30 families in group "D" @ 25.00 per year for 2 years |

CONTRIBUTION PLAN. Special Building Fund Envelopes will be available for weekly, monthly, or quarterly payments. Any other method of payment will be acceptable. A suitable form of acknowledgment will be made at the completion of the drive.

OUTSIDE SOURCES. Many Churches have been built through the generous gifts of persons outside the Church Family. Our first edifice was erected largely through the help of interested friends and we know we cannot undertake this large program without their continued interest.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The Church of St. Matthias, formerly known as St. John's Mission, was organized in the home of one of our members in 1933. The small group grew rapidly and soon it was necessary to rent the first floor of a dwelling on Tulpehocken Street at 75th Avenue. By the end of that year, a frame building was obtained to meet the larger congregation. Then the congregation began raising funds for a permanent stone building which was finally erected in 1939.

This new building, with a seating capacity of 144, gave new life to the growing congregation, and the attendance in the past few years increased from about 70 worshippers to an average of 150 at the 11 o'clock Sunday services. Now the need of a larger building is realized and another building program has started.

In 1942, St. John's Episcopal Mission was merged with the Church of St. Matthias, which was located at 19th and Wallace Streets. The old church building was sold and the money invested in funds for a new church. The merger and continued growth then moved the congregation from a Mission to the status of a Parish. This was the first Mission started by the Episcopal Church in the last fifteen years to become a Parish—a remarkable record of growth.

Actually, the History of this Church is a History of expansion. Fourteen persons met the first time in 1933. Today there are three hundred and sixty-five active communicants and fifty-five other persons. The Church School now has an enrollment of one hundred and seventy-nine and 17 teachers. There are nine organizations which meet in the Church.

Today, because of the overcrowded conditions, the Church must be used for Church School Classes and the old frame building for social activities. Thus, we have again come to the time when our Church must expand so that we can take care of our increasing growth and encourage an even greater expansion for this community.

This blank is attached for the convenience of those who desire to make a gift to the Building Fund. Special contribution cards are available for members of the Church Family.

In consideration of the gift of others to the Building Fund of the
Church of St. Matthias I or We
subscribe dollars to be paid in weekly, monthly, or
quarterly payments over a period of two years, or as otherwise desired.

Make checks payable to Church of St. Matthias Building Fund and
mail to MR. BENJAMIN F. GOTWALS, 6669 Wayne Ave., Phila. 19, Pa.

Any subscription can be revoked by notice to the Treasurer.

Gifts to this Fund are deductible on income tax returns to the extent provided by law.